

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Great Basin College
Fitness Center
1500 College Parkway, Elko
Friday, September 9, 2022

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room
and
System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room

Members Present:

Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Chair
Dr. Lois Tarkanian, Vice Chair
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.
Mr. John T. Moran

Other Regents Present:

Ms. Amy J. Carvalho, Board Vice Chair
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada
Mr. Byron Brooks
Dr. Jason Geddes
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Others Present:

Mr. Dale A.R. Erquiaga, Acting Chancellor
Mr. Robert G. Kilroy, Chief of Staff & Special Counsel to the Board
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Board
Ms. Crystal Abba, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Renée Davis, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and
Student Affairs and Community Colleges
Mr. James Martines, Chief General Counsel
Ms. Terina Caserto, Senior Analyst, Academic and Student Affairs
Mr. Joseph Sunbury, Chief Internal Auditor
Mr. Tillery Williams, Senior Fiscal and Policy Analyst
Mr. José Quiroga, Research Analyst
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, CSN President
Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, GBC President
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, NSC President
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, TMCC President
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President
Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President
Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, WNC Interim President

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Tracy Sherman, CSN; Dr. Brittany Krueger, DRI; Kevin, Seipp, GBC; Dr. Christine Beaudry, NSC; Ed Boog, System Administration; Dr. Eric Marchand, UNR; and Jim Strange, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Zachary Stamp, GBC; Nicole Thomas, UNLV-GPSA; and Matthew Hawn, UNR-GSA.

Chair Mark W. Doubrava called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2022, meeting. *(Ref. HSS-2 on file in the Board Office)*

Regent McMichael moved approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2022, meeting.
Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried.

3. Information Only-UNLV Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine Report (Agenda Item 4) – Dr. Marc J. Kahn, Dean of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, provided a report on the Medical School and Practice Plan, and offered general remarks which included information relating to programs, funding and financial status. *(Ref. HSS-4 on file in the Board Office)*

Dean Kahn provided a report which included: plans to occupy the new Medical Education building by the end of October 2022; priorities for the Academic Health Initiative; leadership changes; plans for an ambulatory care building; philanthropic funds received; the number of grants submitted versus awarded by fiscal year (in the millions); academic affairs – major fall events; United States Medical Licensing Examination performance; outcomes for the 2022 residency match by specialty and primary care; 2022 Admissions Report; GME; research; diversity and inclusion; development; UNLV Health updates – operation expansion and partnerships, financial status and workplace enhancements.

Vice Chair Tarkanian, Regent Moran, Regent Perkins and Dean Kahn addressed and discussed the following topics: the development of the Las Vegas Medical District in regard to health and economic advancements; the dedication of Chair Doubrava, alongside numerous medical and academic professionals and community members, to the growth of medical education in Las Vegas; and developing more pathways to increase residencies in Nevada, how the majority of residency programs are overseen by Medicare and Medicaid, and start-up funds provided by the Nevada Governor's Office pilot grants for residency training.

4. Information Only-UNR School of Medicine Report (Agenda Item 5) – Dr. Melissa Piasecki, Acting Dean of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, provided a report on the Medical School and offered general remarks which included information relating to programs, funding, financial status and the affiliation with Renown Health. *(Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board Office)*

4. Information Only-UNR School of Medicine Report (Agenda Item 5) – (continued)

Acting Dean Piasecki provided a report which included: the incoming UNR Med Dean Paul Hauptman, M.D., starting on October 17; class composition of the UNR Med Class of 2026; medical student research; PA program updates; philanthropy; Sanford Center for Aging; Northern Nevada Nursing Summit; Renown Affiliation updates; unified faculty track update; and the recent research audit.

Chair Doubrava, Regent Moran, Regent Del Carlo and Acting Dean Piasecki addressed and discussed the following topics: the strategic partnerships with Renown; Dr. Piasecki's exemplary leadership as Acting Dean; and the UNR Med recruitment of students located in rural areas of Nevada.

5. Approved-Agreement, UNLV Health and Renown – Radiation Exposure and Education Program Clinics (Agenda Item 6) – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV Health to contract with Renown Medical School Associates North, Inc. to offer radiation exposure screening and education program clinics in Reno, Nevada. (Ref. HSS-6 on file in the Board Office)

Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President, provided an overview of the proposed agreement. Dr. Elissa Palmer, UNLV KSOM Professor and Chair, Department of Family and Community Medicine, provided additional background information for the proposed agreement.

Ms. Tina Russom, Deputy General Counsel, stated that clause 11 of the contract (page 5 of 7), indicates that the tort cap liability is \$100,000; however, according to the most recent NRS 41.035 to NRS 41.039, the tort cap amount is \$200,000, to which the Board will have to acknowledge.

In response to an inquiry from Regent Moran, Deputy General Counsel Russom responded, that when UNR entered into a partnership with UNR Med, the agreement included a clause that precludes the institutions from entering into contracts that would be providing medical services in various Nevada counties. The contract had to come to the Board to ensure conformity with prior agreements.

Mr. Dale A.R. Erquiaga, Acting Chancellor, clarified with approval of the agreement, the Board is delegating authority to the Chancellor to execute the contract.

Regent Moran moved approval of the agreement between the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Renown Medical School Associates North, Inc. to offer radiation exposure screening and education program clinics in Reno, Nevada. Regent McMichael seconded. Motion carried.

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Chair Doubrava commented it is a case-by-case basis when there are reasons why UNLV KSOM may conduct some practice in the Washoe County area, and vice versa if UNR Med should conduct practice in the Clark County area. He said it is important that these scenarios are brought before the Board for awareness and transparency.

6. Information Only-Student, Faculty, and Staff Mental Health Issues and Services (Agenda Item 7) – Dr. Jamie Davidson, Assistant Vice President of Student Wellness, UNLV; and Dr. Yani Dickens, Director of Counseling Services, UNR, are currently co-chairing the NSHE Mental Health Task Force and presented on the mental health problems currently facing students, faculty and staff. In addition, the presentation provided an overview of the mental health services currently available across the System to support students, faculty, and staff in need of mental health support services. (Ref. HSS-7 on file in the Board Office)

The report included: the significance of mental health services; work of the NSHE Mental Health (MH) Task Force; standardized student MH survey data; MH findings versus national norms; top student MH challenges across institutions; current student campus MH resources; institutions with student counseling centers; current student community MH resources; student MH needs and resources; top faculty and staff MH challenges; current faculty and staff community mental health resources; overall adequacy of MH funding levels for students, faculty and staff; and summary, conclusion, discussion: students, faculty and staff.

Chair Doubrava expressed his gratitude for the presentation and thanked Regent Geddes for requesting the item.

Regent Del Carlo, Regent McAdoo, Regent Moran, Regent Brooks, Acting Chancellor Erquiaga and UNLV GPSA President Nicole Thomas addressed and discussed the following topics: establishing MH first aid on the NSHE campuses; identifying solutions by gathering metrics for MH needs on the campuses among students, faculty and staff; the enormity of the mental health crisis in educational institutions throughout the US; goals of the NSHE MH Task Force pertaining to advocating for those who are in need of MH support on the campuses; how early intervention strategies interact with the goals of the NSHE MH Task Force; data on students in crisis who are currently seeking MH resources: for UNLV it is 25 percent and for UNR, data is available over the years about the entire student body; however, in both 2018 and 2022, 15 percent of the entire UNR student body were in MH crises; cross-references between the NSHE campuses in terms of MH support – the universities tend to have more resources due to population and funding, and the smaller campuses' MH resources are somewhat limited; conducting a gap analysis of what each campus may need in terms of MH resources; the availability of telemental health programs on university campuses; mental health support efforts and how it fits in the NSHE's strategic plan and presenting the information in the upcoming Legislative session; grant funding for

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a Wellness Officer at the System level; and consideration for creating mental health service internships on campuses for social work, counseling and psychological services students.
7. Information Only-Chair’s Report (Agenda Item 3) – Chair Doubrava stated this is his last Health Sciences System Committee meeting, and it has been a privilege and honor to serve on the Committee. He said it has been a pleasure to meet a collective of people who have come together to improve the NSHE health-related programs and looks forward to watching the Committee accomplish more in the future.
8. Information Only-New Business – Regent Del Carlo requested an update on increasing tuition to improve counseling services on the UNLV campus.
9. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at its March 10, 2023, meeting.